

**EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
5358 N. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago IL 60640**

December 9, 2006

Alderman Mary Ann Smith  
5533 N. Broadway  
Chicago IL 60640

Dear Mary Ann:

We were heartened by our meeting with you last month.

Based on conversations with others in the Chicago preservation community, we know that city landmarking is dependent on the support of the local alderman. If the local alderman insists on landmarking, it happens. When the alderman opposes landmarking or is even lukewarm about it, it doesn't happen.

Therefore, we were particularly encouraged by your support for designating the Bryn Mawr, Broadway, and Ridge business district as a city landmark.

After the first of the year, a member of the EHS historic sites committee will be contacting you to set up a meeting to discuss how this might be best achieved in the quickest possible time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mayian  
President  
For the Board of Directors of  
the Edgewater Historical  
Society

P.S. For your information: A day after our meeting with you; Jim Pletz hand-delivered another copy our historic/architectural study of Broadway. The following day LeRoy Blommaert hand delivered the permit information you requested on 5202-04 Broadway, 5416 Winthrop, and 5846 Sheridan.